

Docket No.: 1466.1084

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kousetsu SAI

Serial No. 10/763,275

Group Art Unit: 2134

Confirmation No. 6491

Filed: January 26, 2004

Examiner: BAYOU, YONAS A

For:

SECURITY SYSTEM, INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, ENCRYPTION

SUPPORT SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT

PETITION FOR REQUEST OF A REFUND FOR A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a petition for request of a refund regarding the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the third month of Extension of Time, paid on February 4, 2008.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Applicant submitted an Amendment, filed on January 3, 2008, in response to the Office Action mailed on August 3, 2008. The Applicant viewed PAIR and noticed that no action has been taken on the filed Amendment. In response, the Applicant called the Examiner on February 4, 2008, and the Examiner indicated that the USPTO has not transferred the filed Amendment to him. The Examiner further indicated that the USPTO has not taken any action regarding the filed Amendment.

The fully extended due date to respond to the Office Action is February 4, 2008. Since no action has been taken, Applicant filed a RCE on February 4, 2008 to keep the case from going abandoned. Further, the Applicant paid the RCE fee \$810.00 and the third month Extension of Time fee \$1050.00, a total fee of \$1860.00.

But for the delay in processing by the USPTO, a third month of Extension of Time and a RCE would not have been needed.